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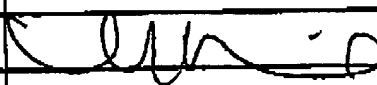
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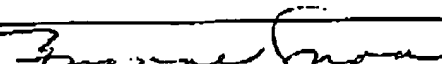
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For: Methods and Apparatus for Treatment of
Patent Foramen Ovale

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**SUMMARY OF IN PERSON
INTERVIEW AND COMMENT
ON PUBLISHED APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Applicants thank Examiner Peffley for the helpful interview on Monday, February 13, 2006. At the interview Applicant's undersigned attorney described the differences in the manner of energy delivery in the Ginn et al. patent with energy delivery as claimed in the present invention.

Applicants also wish to draw the Examiner's attention to an amendment recently filed in published application no. US2004/0243122 (10/754,790) which is of record in the present application. In an Amendment dated January 27, 2006, disclosure purportedly taken from a prior provisional application no. 60/447,760, filed on February 13, 2003, was added as paragraphs 61 and 62. A copy of page 3 from the Amendment is attached. While paragraph 62 suggests "melting a membrane" to form "a hybrid biologic/polymer structure," it nowhere teaches or suggests advancing a closure device to a PFO and applying energy to the closure

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device to cause adhesion between the closure device and tissue to fix the closure device to the tissue.

The 60/447,760 provisional application is not presently available on PAIR since the application number originally recited was incorrect. Thus, Applicants in the present application have no way of confirming what was in the 60/447,760 text.

If for any reason the Examiner believes a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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Application No. 10/754,790
Reply to Office Action of October 27, 2005

Docket No.: 571208001US2

[0044] RF electrodes 53 can be disposed on the surface of proximal 61 and/or distal 63 inflation members using techniques including: ion implanting, electroplating, sputtering, electro-deposition and chemical and/or adhesive bonding methods; to disposed various RF electrodes 53 on the surface of the proximal 61 and distal 63 inflation members. Electrodes 53 may be formed from gold, platinum, silver, or other materials, preferably, these other materials should be malleable, suitable for in-vivo tissue contact, and thermally conductive.

Please add the following between paragraphs [0060] and [0061] of the application, as originally filed, and please renumber original paragraphs [0061] and [0062] as follows:

U.S. APPLICATION NO. 60/447,750

A. Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale Via Tissue Welding

[0061] This disclosure describes a method to close a probe patent foramen ovale using a concept of electrical "spot welding" of the tissue planes together. This may be achieved by placing a clamp device across the atrial septum that contains electrodes. These electrodes are energized with an appropriate energy source, and momentarily melt the collagen tissue of the valve together. This is, in effect, a spot-weld of the tissue without the need for an implantable device. The overlap of the septae are welded together at spots of the high temperature.

[0062] The technique may also entail a prosthetic membrane that can be melted with the high temperature of the electrical energization. This then becomes an integral part of the tissue, as tissue grows into the membrane to make a hybrid biologic/polymer structure.